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Worship Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

Sunday Masses:
8:00 & 10:30 am and 5:00pm

Spanish Mass: 2:00pm

Weekday Masses:
Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri: 7:00am
Tuesday, 6:00pm

Holy Days:
Vigil Mass 6pm,
Holy Day 7:00am and 12:00pm

Confession:
Before and after each Mass
and by appointment

XLT Adoration:
Every Tuesday: 7-8pm
Confession is available

First Friday Adoration
8:00am - 5pm
Ends with Benediction
A sign up sheet will be on the
center table; we would like to see
at least two people for each hour

First Saturday Devotion
8:30am - Confession
9:00am - Mass, Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament, Rosary,
Meditation, and Benediction.

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

From the beginning of creation,
God made them male and female.
For this reason a man shall
leave his father and mother
and be joined to his wife, and
the two shall become one flesh.

MARK 10:6-8

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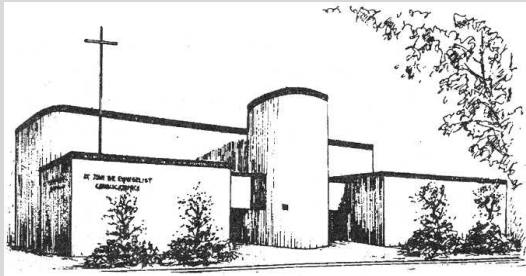
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Welcome to St. John the Evangelist!

If you are new to the parish, please complete a registration form on the back table or go to stjohnsgulfport.org and click on the “New Parishioner” tab.



Upcoming Events



The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. In honor of Our Lady, we will recite the Rosary 30 minutes before each Mass during the month of October, and we would appreciate our parishioners (individually and/or families) signing up to lead the Rosary.

First Communion Class Begins this Weekend

Sunday / October 7th / 9:15am—10:15am
Parish Office Building

Ultreya

Monday / October 15 / 7pm
St. John the Evangelist, Gulfport
Presentation Hall

Come and enjoy a gathering of fellow Christians. Bring a snack if you'd like, but it's not necessary. For more information, please contact Dean Craft at 228-257-9419. **DeColores!** Christ said,

“Where two or three are gathered, there am I in their midst.”

St. Thomas Fall Festival

Oct. 12, 4pm-10pm / Oct. 13, 10am-10pm

The festival will include entertainment, food trucks, rides, games, a silent auction, and a cash raffle. Raffle tickets cost \$50 and are available at the St. Thomas Parish Office during regular office hours.

Couples Date Night Wednesday, October 17, 6:30pm Presentation Hall

All married and engaged couples are welcome to come and join in fellowship and learn about our faith. A meal is provided with beverages (and beer and wine) and, most importantly, *baby sitting*. There is no charge; but to plan properly, please reserve your spot 48 hours in advance.

Contact: Mara Russo (228) 697-8553,
marafrancesrusso@gmail.com

HISPANIC FALL FESTIVAL



Sunday / October 21
8:00am—5:00pm / Parking Lot

This is the annual fund raiser for our Hispanic Community. Please come out, have fun, eat, and support this event!

The Hispanic Fall Festival needs donations to help their fund raiser succeed: packs of napkins; 12-pack soft drinks; heavy-duty plates; to-go containers; forks; and paper towels. Donations can be left in the Parish Office.

A Family of Faith

Community Event
October 28 / 1:00pm - 3:00pm
Presentation Hall

Ladies ACTS Retreat

November 1-4 / Paul B. Johnson State Park

Meet new people. Experience new levels of Adoration. Learn about your faith and how to better serve God.

Contacts: Laura Hymel (228) 860-5534
Susie Bass (228) 257-3181

Parish Ministry Meetings

Knights of Columbus: 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:00pm
K C Ladies Auxiliary: 3rd Tuesday, 6:30pm
Young At Heart: 4th Thursday, 12 noon
Prayer group: Every Thursday, 5:15pm
For information call the parish office.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Kris Allen	Mary Gibbs	Holly Morton
Chris Arleth	Dan Goad	Kevin Murray
Regina Papania Bell	Ronnie Guidry	Sophia Nucheren
Mary Ann Bishop	Louis Helwick	Cheryl Papania
Suzanne Bowles	Alibe Hinton	Estelle Papania
Gail Charlot	Mike Hoda	Josh Parker
Garry Cooper	Michael Holleman	Colette Marissa
Anna Cospelich	Kathy Joyce	Quigley
Buddy Cospelich	Mary Kealy	Diane Riel
Bev Crawford	Bernie & Bryan	Ken Saxon
Chuck Cruthirds	Koehr	Mary Ann Smith
Aaliyah Daughtery	Don LaFlamme	Jason Taylor
Shellie Ely	Joan Liner	Mrs. Benny Turner
Ashley French	Betty Martin	Felicia Vann
Mary Ann Galle	Connie McKay	Winkey Williams
Warren Galle	Pam Miller	Richard Wilson

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday: 9:00am +Anthony Verin Davis
5:00pm Kevin Murray (for healing)
Sunday: 8:00am: People of the Parish
10:30am: +Nunzio Caranna
5:00pm: +Kaleel Salloum, Sr.
Monday: 7:00am: +Kathy Hage
+Hong Nguyen
Tuesday: 6:00pm +Helen Hackett
+Kathy Hage
Wednesday: 7:00am: +Mackie Fayard
+Kaleel Salloum, Sr.
Thursday: 7:00am: +Jamie Lee Hill, Jr.
+Lucas Papania
Friday: 7:00am: +Marion & Edna Garrett
Special Intention of the Donor

Collection September 22-23

1st Collection: \$3248
2nd Collection: Hurricane Florence - \$1523
Children's Collection: \$10
Thank you for your generosity!

The 2nd collection at all Masses this weekend will be for Catholic School Tuition Assistance. The 2nd collection at Masses next weekend will be the Hospitality Committee.

O Heavenly Father, all the elements of nature obey your command. Calm the storms that threaten us and turn our fear of your power into praise of your goodness. Protect us from the hurricanes and disasters of nature. We pray this through Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



To repent and not to amend is like paying a debt by writing a check on water —Anonymous

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Catholic Education

St. James Elementary
603 West Av. Gulfport, MS 39507
Principal: Jennifer Broadus
Tel #: 228 896-6631

St. Vincent De Paul Elementary
4321 Espy Avenue, Long Beach MS 39560
Principal: Carol Church
Tel #: 228 222-6000

St. Patrick High School
18300 St. Patrick Road, Biloxi, MS 39532
Principal: Matt Buckley
Tel #: 228 702-0500

SALUTE ITALIAN RESTAURANT

We have Salute VIP cards available for purchase in the Parish office. Buy one entrée and get the second one free! It's a \$150 value for only \$20. Good for five lunches and five dinners. Cards expire 12/1/19.



We appreciate those who donate our altar flowers. If you would like to have flowers placed in the church for a week in honor of a birthday, anniversary or other celebration, or in memory of a deceased loved one, please contact the parish office.

Thinking about the Priesthood?

On Saturday, *October 20, 2018*, from 9:00-11:00am, the Diocesan Vocations Office is hosting an event entitled VOCARE at the Sacred Heart Center located behind the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Biloxi. This event is for all young men, 13-18, interested in learning more about priesthood and the practical tips on how to discern a priestly vocation. It will include a free breakfast, prayer, fraternity and more! There will be a time to ask questions of priests from our diocese. Parents are welcome to attend. There is no cost for the event. Please register at:

<https://biloxidiocese.org/vocations>

St. John the Evangelist extends a very warm welcome to Bishop Louis F. Kihneman, III, at our 5:00pm Vigil Mass. We greatly appreciate your visit and are grateful for your service to our Diocese!

Upcoming Events Continued

All Souls Day Memorial Mass Friday / November 2 / 6:00pm

This memorial mass is for St. John parishioners, family and friends, who have died during this past year. We invite all who have lost a loved one to join in this celebration. A slide presentation featuring the deceased will be given; so please send a photo of your loved one for the presentation. The photo will be returned. Please call the parish office by **October 19** to let us know how many people will be attending. Refreshments will be served after Mass.

St. Alphonsus Fall Family Fun & Fundraiser for Kris Allen November 2-4

This is a fun-filled weekend for the entire family. During the weekend, St. Alphonsus Catholic School will be selling **Split the Pot** tickets for \$5. The proceeds will go to the **Caring for Kris Campaign**. For more information on how to buy a ticket and help out, please contact, Jennifer Jones at (504) 339-2093, or email to: stalsnightoneon@gmail.com.


Drawdown Tickets can be purchased after each Mass in the back of the Church. Tickets cost \$100 and admit four adults; however, you can buy a portion of one ticket for only \$25.

Drawdown Dinner & Silent Auction - Nov. 10



Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.
— Mark 10:14

Happy birthday wishes are extended to:

 David Malley on Oct. 7; and Chris Ladner on Oct. 12.

May God grant them many blessings in the coming year!

Of Note: We are rebuilding our birthday and anniversary lists; so, if we have inadvertently missed your birthday or anniversary announcement, we apologize! Please contact the Parish Office to confirm your birthday and/or anniversary.



Congratulations to our parishioners celebrating wedding anniversaries

Bryan & Linda Hebert - 28 years on October 13.

May God bless them with many more happy years together!!



October is Respect Life Month!

This month is observed annually by the Catholic Church in the United States. We are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its natural end - and at every point in between.

This year's Respect Life theme is, "Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent," which highlights our call to build a culture of life as missionary disciples. Drawing upon the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego, this theme is unpacked in a reflection found at www.usccb.org/respect-life-reflection. We are called to be messengers of God's love. In doing so, we help build a culture that respects all human life. The Body of Christ needs you. The world needs you.

Silent Auction Items Needed!

Do you have something that you would be willing to donate to the auction? Here are some ideas to get you started: handcrafted items, event tickets, gift certificates, paintings or prints, themed gift baskets, pottery, jewelry - anything that people might want to bid on! Perhaps you have just one or two small items that we could combine with others to make a gift basket. Please bring silent auction items to the Parish Office.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gal 1:6-12; Ps 111:1b-2, 7-9, 10c; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14; Ps 111:1b-6; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

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Children's Activity Guides

These guides go along with the Sunday readings; so if you have little ones, please take one for each child on your way out of Mass. They can be found in the Bulletin Stands.

The disciples were trying to be helpful. In the Temple of Jerusalem, only priests could enter the Holy of Holies, the men could enter the sanctuary, while women and children only got into the vestibule. So the disciples knew that children never approached the Rabbis. To show their respect for Jesus, they tried to turn the children away. But Jesus saw this as a chance to teach the disciples about the kingdom. As they try to send the children back to their parents, Jesus changes the rules. He invites the kids to come to him and even makes an example of them: "accept the kingdom of God like children" or you won't get in at all. So what do we learn from this?

Little children don't make themselves look important. They haven't learned to brag about their accomplishments, or how to offer a bribe to get what they want. They simply accept what is given to them. In a culture where we are expected to make a good impression, where we compete to get scholarships and jobs, we may be more like the disciples than we think. A young man falling in love may be tempted to show what a great athlete he is, or how he plans to get a high paying job after graduation. Yet all he really needs to do is tell the girl that he loves her. We cannot make ourselves look important to God; we can't bribe Him with good works or change His mind with promises to avoid sin. We can be sorry for our sins, and tell Him we love Him, and ask for help with our weaknesses. Little children also have great faith. Not the deep faith that comes with adult experience, but a faith that sees goodness in everyone. If we can keep that faith in God's goodness, while developing a deeper faith that is not discouraged by sin and evil, we are on the way to the Kingdom.

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St. John's Youth Ministry Group invites all high schoolers to come join them on Sunday evenings after the 5:00pm Mass. There are games and discussions, and we also share a meal together. We are making plans to attend the Diocesan Youth Kick-Off Rally later this month, and we would love to have you join us. All are welcome! Bring a friend!

When I dig others out of trouble, I find a place to bury my own. —Anonymous